

TOWN OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

PRESENT: William Lally, Chairman
James Workman
Richard Nichols
Richard Bateman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Attorney Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney

REGRETS: Richard Griffin, Vice Chairman

Chairman Lally called the meeting to order at 7:03PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Lally introduced those in attendance.

I. Public Comment Period – No Public Comment.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Mr. Workman thanked Commander Fatello and members of the American Legion for a wonderful 911 Ceremony. This Thursday at 6 o'clock down at the beach there will be the Liberty Elm planting and dedication. Lastly, on a personally self serving note thank you to one of the most understanding ladies in Hampton and for standing next to me and saying I do 13 years ago.

Mr. Lally announced that budget committee schedule is out and work sessions go from September 16th to December 22nd.

III. Appointments

1. Michael Schwotzer, Finance Director – Monthly Financials

Mr. Schwotzer presented to the Board a synopsis of his monthly financial report. The reports will be posted on the web site by Tuesday morning. Mr. Schwotzer also expressed his concerns about HB1645 and the effects it could have on the Town if an employee not covered by a contract is to retire. The town could be liable to pay NHRS a considerable amount of money ranging anywhere between \$45,000 and \$500,000.

General questions from the Board.

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Mr. Nichols felt that Mr. Schwotzer was more pessimistic than last month. Mr. Schwotzer confirmed that yes, he was and we will still make budget but it is going to be a tight year. Mr. Nichols questioned when the budget is going to be ready. Mr. Welch explained that they would be finishing the budgets with the department heads on September 24th and have the budgets ready for the Board members on the 26th. Mr. Nicholas also commented on the amount budgeted for health insurance, he felt that the number was highly inflated for the past several years. Mr. Welch explained that Mr. Schwotzer has been looking at this particular line item and he agrees with Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Workman asked when does the state pay us the Room and Meals tax. Mr. Schwotzer informed the Board that it is paid later in the year.

Mr. Lally questioned why "six" Human Services Agencies still had money owed to them. Mr. Schwotzer explained that the agencies were asked to submit written requests for payments and some had still not done so. Mr. Schwotzer also explained that larger disbursement amounts are made in two disbursements, with the second disbursement going out in October. There was also a discussion about the \$45,000 for the cemetery truck. Mr. Schwotzer explained that they had gone out to bid and that it would be the maximum amount for the Purchase Order. Mr. Bateman explained that bids had come in for the cemetery truck and that they had come in under the \$45,000.

IV. Minutes – September 08, 2008

Page 3 Change the VOTE to 3-0-1 (Workman)

Page 4: After Town Manager's Report re write the following paragraph to reflect the following.

General Discussion on the report and the following topics: Scheduling of the perambulation of Hampton Falls; Retirement Legislation; De-classify the minutes on the Non-Public Session for Negotiations; Lane closure on the Underwood Bridge and the pedestrian paths.

The Board had consensus on the following items:

- i. Televising the non-partisan debates
- ii. Conversations with the candidates for representatives at the High School and whether it would be possible for CH. 22 to televise them.
- iii. Scheduling of a meeting with the CBA Council for employee contracts.

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to accept of the minutes of September 8, 2008 as amended. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

V. Old Business

1. Town Manager's Report

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Mr. Welch presented his weekly report to the Board.

General discussion on the report and the following topics: Scheduling of the meeting with the candidates, status on employee contracts, public trash ordinance, beach lighting, sewer hookups and conduits and the Town Clock.

VI. New Business

1. Repeal of "Bicycle Ordinance" Section 4, Article 3

Discussion

Mr. Lally asked about how this came about. Mr. Welch explained that he has been reviewing the Town's ordinance and has found inconsistencies. He has spoken with the Police Chief and found that this particular ordinance has not been enforced for quite sometime. Both Mr. Welch and the Police Chief agree that it would be an administrative nightmare to enforce this ordinance and feel that it should be repealed.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to Repeal the "Bicycle Ordinance" Section 4, Article 3. Mr. Workman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. Repeal of "Beach Infrastructure Traffic Control Temporary Ordinance"-Section 3, Article 15

Discussion

Mr. Welch explained that this ordinance was put in place for the Beach Infrastructure Project and since it is completion there is no need for the ordinance.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to Repeal of "Beach Infrastructure Traffic Control Temporary Ordinance"-Section 3, Article 15. Mr. Workman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Discussion

VII. Consent Agenda

1. Solicitation Permit "Prime Time All Star Boosters"
2. Parade License for 'NH Seacoast Greenway Inaugural Ride"
3. Street Closure Request for "Falcone Circle" Neighborhood Block Party
4. Appointment of Tom Mongeon to the "Energy Committee"

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to move the consent agenda. Mr. Workman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

VIII. Closing Comments

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IX. Adjournment

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 07:45PM

Chairman

Non-Meeting with Counsel – RSA 91-A: 2, I, c